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SUBJECT: PRC-GAMBIA DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

1. THE PRC AND THE REPUBLIC OF TH GAMBIA HAVE ISSUED A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS AT THE AMBASSADORIAL LEVEL AS OF DECEMBER 14, 1974, ACCORDING TO A TERSE, ONE-SENTENCE ANNOUNCEMENT FROM NCNA DECEMBER 17. THERE WAS NO MENTION OF TAIWAN IN THE COMMUNIQUE, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE GAMBIA CURRENTLY MAINTAINS DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ROC.

2. ONLY WITH FRANCE IN 1964, AND ZAIRE IN NOVEMBER 1972, HAS THE PRC PREVIOUSLY CONSENTED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH A COUNTRY MAINTAINING RELATIONS

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WITH THE ROC WITHOUT REQUIRING A FORMAL, PUBLIC STATEMENT

ON TAIWAN.

3. COMMENT: THAILAND, THE PHILIPPINES AND OTHER COUNTRIES HAVING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH THE ROC, BUT WHO ARE THINKING OF ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, WILL PRESUMABLY NOTE THE LANGUAGE IN THE ABOVE COMMUNIQUE. IT OFFERS AN EASIER WAY INTO ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, AND REFLECTS A MORE FLEXIBLE ATTITUDE ON THE PART OF THE PEKING REGIME.

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